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1. JAIME CARDONS-VARGAS, JOSE GARCIA-ALVAREZ, GERARDO VELASQUEZ-VARGAS, RAMON ALBERTO ESCOBAR-LOPEZ AND HUGO DE JESUS GIRALDO-MUNOZ WERE TEMPORARILY RELEASED FROM CUSTODY BY JUDGE INEZ VALDERRAMA DE PATINO IN BOGOTA. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT SANTIAGO OCAMPO-ZULUAGA WAS ALSO RELEASED, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT HE WAS NEVER IN CUSTODY REGARDING THIS INVESTIGATION. ALL SUBJECTS, EXCEPT OCAMPO, WERE ARRESTED IN ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA ON OCTOBER 2, 1977 AFTER 432 KILOS OF COCAINE BASE WERE SEIZED ON CARDONA'S RANCH. THE TWO PILOTS, GUILLERMO ALBERTO BONILLA-RIVERA AND BENJAMIN MAYA-TORO REMAIN IN CUSTODY. THE JUDGE, INEZ VALDERRAMA DE PATINO, WAS IN THE COMPANY OF BONILLA'S ATTORNEY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN DOWNTOWN BOGOTA.

2. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING THE RELEASE OF THE SUBJECTS. FROM SAIC BURNETT; DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT B DEA ONLY.
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